(iv) Transmission system associated with Neyveli TPS-II Extn.

(v) Second spare converter transformer for Talcher—Kolar HVDC link.

Strengthening of Distribution System:

PGCIL is not implementing any scheme for strengthening of distribution system in Andhra Pradesh. However, Government of India has approved the Acceleratd Power Development and Reforms Programme (APDRP) which is intended for up-gradation of sub-transmission and distribution in densely electrified zones in the urban and industrial areas and improvement in commercial viability zones in the urban and industrial areas and improvement in commercial viability of State Electricity Boards by reducing the aggregate technical and commercial (AT&C) losses. In Andhra Pradesh, 101 projects amounting to Rs. 1460.36 Crores have been sanctioned under APDRP and work has already commenced in all the projects.

Status of Dabhol Power Project

488. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of Dabhol Power Project (DPP);

(b) whether any decision has been taken by Government to set up a company in the name of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) to look after the work and progress of DPP;

(c) if so, the details of the share holding pattern of SPV;

(d) the share percentage/proportion of Government bodies;

(e) the total power generating capacity of the project and the time by which it is likely to be started;

(f) whether keeping in view the power crisis in several States Government propose to expedite the process; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) An Empowered Group of Ministers (EGoM) has been set up by the Government of India to examine and decide all issues related to the Dabhol

power project. The various aspects for restart of the Dabhol power project have been deliberated among concerned stakeholders including the Government of Maharashtra under the overall supervision of the EGoM. Consequent to these deliberations, a project Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) by the name of Ratnagiri Gas and Power Private Ltd. (RGPPL) has been incorporated to acquire, revive, complete and restart the Dabhol plant. The High Court of Judicature at Mumbai has on 22.9.2005 passed its order in the Consent Petition No. 1116 of 2005 for the transfer of assets of Dabhol Power Company of RGPPL. RGPPL has taken over the physical possession of assets from the Court Receiver on 6.10.2005 and has initiated actions for completion and restart of the erstwhile Dabhol power project.

(c) and (d) The shareholding of RGPPL is as follows:—

Name of the Company	Equity amount (Rs.-Crs.)	Equity (%)
NTPC Ltd.	500	28.33
GAIL (India) Ltd	500	28.33
IDBI Ltd.	—	10.65
ICICI Bank	—	7.14
State Bank of India	500	8.67
Canara Bank	—	1.87
MSEB Holding Co. Ltd.	265	15.00
TOTAL :	1765	100.00

(e) to (g) The total power generation capacity of the project is estimated to be 2150 MW. As per the original target, subject to the availability of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG), the power generation from one of the three power blocks was to commence by July, 2006 and all three blocks to be declared commercial by November, 2006. Out of the three power blocks of the Ratnagiri power plant, one power block which is scheduled to be commissioned by July, 2006, could be got ready to commence generation of electricity by May, 2006 itself if so desired by Maharashtra. However, since the commissioning of the LNG terminal is likely to be only by December, 2006, in the interim period, Naphtha could be used as fuel.

Since Maharashtra is facing acute power shortages particularly during peak hours, and RGPPL currently already has a stock of 34000 KL of Naphtha, the stocks of Naphtha available could be suitably augmented through fresh purchases of Naphtha to the extent that the pooled price is acceptable to Maharashtra.

Power projects for North Eastern Region

489. SHRI SILVIUS CONDPAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the ongoing and proposed power projects in North-Eastern States and the present status of these projects; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SHINDE): (a) and (b) The details of ongoing projects in North-Eastern States is given in the Statement-I (*See* below). Further in consultation with Central Electricity Authority, the North-Eastern States have identified number of projects which could be taken up during Eleventh Plan and beyond. The list of these projects is given in the Statement-II.

Statement-I

On-going power Projects in North-Eastern States

Name of HEP	Capacity	State	Implementing Agency	Status
1	2	3	4	5
HYDRO				
(i) Kameng	600 MW	Ar. Pradesh	NEEPCO	The project is under execution & scheduled for commissioning in 2009-10.